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FROM: CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG GERMANY

TO: USCINCEUR PARIS FRANCE

INFO: USAMBASSADOR BONN GERMANY, CGUSCOB BERLIN GERMANY,
USMLM BERLIN GERMANY, CINCUSAFE WIESBADEN GERMANY,
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DA PASS TO STATE AND DEFENSE

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1. References:

DATE: 5 April 79

A. Berlin cable to Bonn (284), Dept (331) dtd 14
Nov 58. (NOTAL)

B. USCOB cable to CINCUSAREUR, 150035Z NOV 58.
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2. At 1200 hours this date CINCUSAREUR instructed
Colonel Vlasov, Acting Chief, Soviet Military Liaison Mission
to transmit the following letter to General Zakharov, CrNC
GSFG:

"Dear General Zakharov:

"The action of Soviet military personnel in denying
clearance to three United States military vehicles at the
Babelsburg checkpoint yesterday on the illegal basis of a
demand for inspection constitutes a shocking interference
with mutually agreed rights exercised by the United States
Forces. This illegal action was compounded by further willful
harassment in the illegal detention of personnel and vehicles
for a period of approximately eight hours.

"The vehicles involved carried documentation which
has been mutually agreed by Soviet and Allied Forces as
acceptable. This headquarters has not in the past and will
not now agree to inspection by Soviet Forces or anyone else
of United States Military vehicles exercising their long
established right of movement on the Helmstedt-Berlin autobahn.
This is a right and not a privilege as I told you in my office
in Heidelberg.

"I demand that immediate steps be taken to insure that
all Soviet checkpoint personnel be instructed to clear properly
documented military vehicles without inspection, and further

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that there be no more detentions of any length. I expect your prompt assurance that the necessary action has been taken to preclude similar re-occurrences."

ACTION: 3.0 Letter of protest received by Vlasov without comment.

NOTE: 331 is DA IN 169874 (15 Nov 58) STATE, (ARMY DCSOP)
150035Z is DA IN 169899 (15 Nov 58) DCSOP

ACTION: DCSOP

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